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In re Application of:

ALEX URICH

Application No.: 09/973,280

Filed: October 8, 2001

For: **NON-LINEAR FLOW RESTRICTOR
FOR A MEDICAL ASPIRATION
SYSTEM**

Examiner: Ann Y. Lam

Art Group: 1641

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

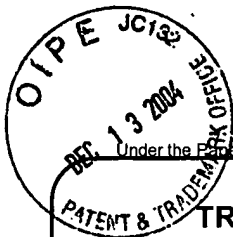
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In response to the Office Action dated September 28, 2004, please amend the above-entitled application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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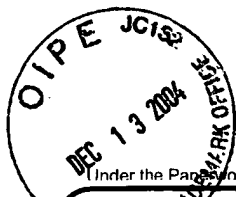
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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

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Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
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